

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 3 have been amended. No new claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicant and Applicant's attorney thank Examiner Lowell A. Larson for the Interview courteously granted October 16, 2003. The items discussed during the Interview October 16, 2003 include: the rejection under the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112 in the final Office action mailed July 29, 2003 (Paper No. 5); claims 1 and 3; and opening and closing sliding members in lateral and longitudinal directions.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended by changing "longitudinal" to "lateral" to overcome the rejection under the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112. This change to claims 1 and 3 is supported by FIG. 5, and by lines 23-24 of page 9 of the specification. FIG. 5 shows the lateral movement of teeth 134 in relation to wire 15.

As discussed during the Interview, Applicant respectfully believes that changing "longitudinal" to "lateral" in claims 1 and 3 overcomes the § 112 rejection. FIG. 5 and page 9 of the specification disclose lateral movement.

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Before turning to U.S. Patent No. 6,243,947 (**Fujita**), a brief review of the present invention is in order. The present invention relates to a braid folding method of a shielded wire including: putting a cut 21 on a sheath 20 of a shielded wire 15 (FIG. 2C; p. 6, lines 4-6); pulling cut sheath 20 (FIG. 2D); cutting braid 22 (FIG. 2E); folding back braid 22 (FIG. 2F); and fitting circular shield pipe 23 on wire 15 (FIGS. 2G, 3, and 7) so that braid 22 is put between inner surface of shield pipe 23 and outer surface of tube portion 19b (FIG. 2G; p. 6, line 16 to p. 7, line 1; p. 12, lines 11-12).

Fujita describes woven sheath 53 being widened and then being turned up around the end of the insulating sheath 54 (FIGS. 12A, 12B and 13; col. 13, lines 29-32).

Fujita does not teach or suggest holding the woven sheath 53 in a turned-back position. After the woven sheath 53 is turned up around sheath 54 (FIG. 13), **Fujita** does not teach or suggest using a pipe or any other item to hold the sheath 53 in the turned position.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to set forth a shield pipe on a folded braid.

Fujita does not teach or suggest securing woven sheath 53 in the turned back position, and does not teach or suggest fitting a shield pipe on a folded braid so as to secure the folded braid.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, claims 1 and 3, as amended, are respectfully believed to be in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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If the Examiner feels that this application is not currently in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for a telephone conference to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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